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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, March 30, 2015 - For the week ending March 29, temperatures averaged 4 to 6 degrees above normal except in northeast Kansas, where temperatures were near normal, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Light precipitation was reported in eastern Kansas with amounts up to half an inch, while the west remained dry. Producers reported an increase in field activities with the recent mild weather, including fertilizer and herbicide application, planting preparation, and moving cattle off crop residue. The lack of moisture was a concern in a number of counties. There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture rated 16 percent very short, 37 short, 46 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 19 percent very short, 42 short, 39 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 4 percent very poor, 13 poor, 44 fair, 35 good, and 4 excellent. Winter wheat jointing was at 15 percent, ahead of 5 last year, but behind 18 average.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 31 fair, 60 good, and 6 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 72 average, and 28 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 29 fair, 65 good, and 6 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 63 average, and 37 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 2 percent very short, 10 short, 84 adequate, and 4 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 14 percent very short, 26 short, 60 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Data for this release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service agency and KSU Extension Service.

District level are provided on the back page

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**Days Suitable, Soil Moisture and Crop Progress by District
For the Week Ending March 29, 2015**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	5.9	6.4	6.4	6.2	6.4	6.1	3.9	4.9	4.4	5.8
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									
Very Short	36	18	20	24	23	6	5	4	6	16
Short	39	45	34	46	45	45	22	26	21	37
Adequate	25	37	45	30	32	45	69	69	70	46
Surplus	0	0	1	0	0	4	4	1	3	1
Subsoil Moisture	Percent									
Very Short	37	16	35	26	14	8	8	7	7	19
Short	43	46	35	45	52	46	25	32	25	42
Adequate	20	36	30	29	34	46	63	61	68	39
Surplus	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Winter Wheat Jointed	2	4	16	1	9	42	1	14	17	15